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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : George B. Sigal et al.

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For : **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED  
LUMINESCENCE ASSAYS USING MICROPARTICLES**

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application. The shortened statutory deadline for response to this Office Action was October 3, 2002. Accordingly, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0540 in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fee for this three month extension for a large entity. This extends the period for response to this Office Action to January 3, 2003.

Applicants respectfully request that the above identified application be amended as follows: